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MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY

FROM: Strobe (SI)
SUBJECT: Daily Activity Report

Prepping the President for CNN

The President spent nearly an hour and a half this afternoon preparing for his CNN town meeting. (It was an all-White House group except for yours truly: Lake, Berger, Gergen, Stephanopoulos, Rubin, Dee Dee, Mark Gearan, Lloyd Cutler, and Tom Ross.) The President, who had already spent quite a bit of time with briefing book and various memos, got into the swing of the murder board quickly, conducting a Socratic dialogue with himself -- asking the toughest, meanest questions you can imagine, and then answering them. Bosnia, Haiti and China/MFN dominated. He's asked for another session tomorrow morning and wants to make sure that he's especially well prepared on the Middle East. He's acutely aware of the importance and delicacy of your own mission; also, one of the participating neighborhoods of CNN's global village will be Jerusalem. NEA will work with NSC to make sure he's got all the right talking points.

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China/MFN

Winston has reported separately to you on the President's meeting today with Vice Premier Zou today. I see Zou again tomorrow and will reiterate the President's message. I have also asked S/S to copy you on a memo prepared by Jim Thessin that I signed today in your absence. Legally this clears the way for our nominee if he chooses to serve.

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Rwanda

Our actions on Rwanda continue apace. Today, Dee Dee Myers announced at the White House that we are contributing \$15 million in aid to Rwandan refugees. Myers also announced John Shattuck's trip, which will take him to Tanzania, Burundi and possibly Uganda to rally support to end the massacres. Among other stops, he plans to go to Arusha to meet with OAU head

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Salim Salim. We have also prompted the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to send a team to the region. So far, they have agreed to send it as far as Burundi; we are working to persuade them to continue on to Kigali.

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